

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) Method for adjusting an embedded portion of a television signal comprising:

receiving the television signal having the embedded portion, wherein the embedded portion comprises V-chip rating information;

detecting the embedded portion of the television signal; and

adjusting the embedded portion, where a downstream receiver is prevented from processing the adjusted embedded portion. The method of claim 13, wherein said adjusting step comprises:

determining whether to block the television signal based on the identified V-chip rating information; and

modifying the identified V-chip rating information to a universally unblocked rating if said determining is to pass the television signal.

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detecting the embedded portion of the television signal; and

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determining whether to block the television signal based on the identified V-chip rating information; and

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modifying the identified V-chip rating information to a universally blocked rating if said determining is to block the television signal.

Claims 16-20. (Canceled)

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